

Treasurer of the Worcester City Computer Society, Bee School Director of the Worcester City Beekeepers Association, and Ride Director for the Seven Hills Wheelman. Roger was also involved with Auburn Youth and Family Services, serving on the Advisory Board, Board of Directors, as President-elect, and as President. While working with Auburn Youth and Family Services, Roger helped extend the services provided by the agency. He has also continued to work with the Episcopal Church, serving on the Episcopal Church Diocesan Evangelism Committee, as Dean of the Deanery, on the Bishops Standing Committee, Revisioning Committee, and the Diocesan Reconciliation Committee.

Diana has also been active in Auburn. She worked with Auburn Youth and Family Services as a tutor, mentor, and with the Peaceful Pals and the Family to Family Mentoring programs. She has also worked as a secretary for three churches and as the co-director for a vacation Bible School.

The Senechals have embarked together on many volunteer efforts. They have worked for the St. Thomas Episcopal Church through Auburn Youth and Family Services, which provides dinners for conflict resolution groups and the Auburn Comes Together program, along with providing funding for summer camps. They were involved with the Boy Scouts of America, Diana serving as a Den leader and Roger as a Merit Badge Counselor. They have also been involved in Habitat for Humanity and the Auburn Youth Peace Vigils.

Roger and Diana have worked tirelessly for the betterment of their community and have served their faith admirably. Their achievements must not go unrecognized, although they humbly assert, "God gets the credit." The Senechals have touched countless people and dedicated their lives in the service of others. Their altruism deserves to be honored.

Madam Speaker, I am sure the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in thanking Roger and Diana Senechal for their wonderful contributions to the community.

TRIBUTE TO MIKE ALLEN

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2007

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Mike Allen, the former President and CEO of the McAllen Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) for his exemplary leadership in fostering the economic growth of the City of McAllen in South Texas.

Mr. Allen was responsible for the management of the McAllen Foreign Trade Zone, one of the largest inland ports in the United States responsible for over one billion dollars worth in commerce annually. He is currently on the Board of Regents for South Texas College and chairman of the Texas Border Infrastructure Coalition (TBIC), which was formed to develop and advocate for solutions to economic development needs along the Texas-Mexico border.

Mr. Allen is an active member of the community. He is a member of numerous organizations such as the American Economic Development Council, Texas Border Infrastructure Coalition, Mexican Chamber of Com-

merce, American Chamber of Commerce, Reynosa Maquila Association, Texas Good Roads and Transportation Association, McAllen Citizens League, and Rio Grande Valley Chamber of Commerce. In addition, he has served as a member of the Texas Governor's Task Force on Management and Labor Relations for five years. Recently, he attended Presidential and Vice-Presidential briefings on the North American Free Trade Agreement and was actively involved in the Empowerment Zone designation process for the Rio Grande Valley. His vast knowledge of the economic development issues along the U.S.-Mexico border region has led to the continuous economic growth of my district. Mr. Allen has spent his life working to help better the lives of those in his community, and I commend him for his commitment to the economic development of South Texas and to improving our economic relations with Mexico.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to have had this time to recognize the dedication and commitment of Mike Allen to furthering economic development of the City of McAllen and to the South Texas border community in general.

LOCAL FOOD AND FARM ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2007

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, this year we have an opportunity to reform our nation's farm policies, and a fundamental element of my vision to do this is the Local Food and Farm Act. By increasing the availability of fresh foods in cities, schools, and underserved communities, my bill not only strengthens market opportunities for local farmers and ranchers, but it also protects the environment and gets healthy food into our communities.

This legislation, which I am introducing today with Reps. NANCY BOYDA, STEVE KAGEN, KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND, BOBBY RUSH, DONALD PAYNE, JAN SCHAKOWSKY, TOM ALLEN, strengthens and expands existing programs that support value-added agriculture and farmers markets, promote the availability and affordability of healthy and fresh foods, increase fruits and vegetables in school meals, and remove barriers that keep local farmers from selling products into schools. It also establishes a new program to provide innovative financing for the processing and distribution businesses that create local jobs and are best-suited to help innovative, small and midsize farmers and ranchers take advantage of local and regional markets.

Increasing the availability of healthy and fresh foods in our communities is critical to improving the overall health and food security of the United States. By growing and distributing some of these foods locally and regionally, we can create profitable markets for many small and midsize family farmers and ranchers, help to preserve farmland, and protect the environment with reduced transportation costs and more sustainable farming practices.

IN HONOR OF EUNICE LASTINGER MIXON

HON. JIM MARSHALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2007

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure I rise today to honor Eunice Lastinger Mixon for her continuing contributions to the City of Tift, Tift County and the State of Georgia. Those accomplishments will be celebrated today with the establishment of the Eunice Lastinger Mixon Scholarship at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

Mrs. Mixon is affectionately known by her friends and colleagues as "Miss Eunice" and has spent her life in service to others. She has been described as a "joiner" and her many hours of service in a wide range of organizations justifies that description.

In addition to the 30 years "Miss Eunice" spent teaching in the Tift County schools and helping her husband, Albert Mixon, run their farm, she also served with the Georgia Civil War Commission, including an appointment as chairman, served on the Board of Directors for the Tift County Library and was one of only a handful of non-attorneys to hold an appointment with the Georgia State Bar Association.

Ms. Eunice continues to make innumerable contributions to the community through her service on the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the Georgia Agrirama Foundation Board, the Democratic Party State Committee and the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Miss Eunice's presence fills whatever room she enters or whatever group she joins. She cares deeply and passionately for others, particularly the least among us. Few Americans have provided a better example of service to others.

Madam Speaker, I am confident my colleagues will join me in recognizing the accomplishments of this great Georgian and great American.

HONORING RENOWNED JAZZ MUSICIAN ON HIS 94TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2007

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the extraordinary musical career of Al Gallodoro of Oneonta, New York, and take part in the celebration of his 94th birthday on June 23, 2007. A master of the saxophone and clarinet, Mr. Gallodoro has impressed audiences all over the world for decades.

Mr. Gallodoro began playing the clarinet at the age of 7 and entered the music business at the young age of 13. He spent the next 40 years of his career performing with a well-known jazz musician, Paul Whiteman, playing alto saxophone, clarinet, and bass clarinet. Mr. Gallodoro was also a soloist for live broadcasts, performing more on-air solos during his career than any other performer.

Mr. Gallodoro has traveled all over the world to perform, and holds the world's record for performing the Rhapsody in Blue, playing the piece over 10,000 times throughout the 1930s